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CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Cholera, plague, and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports:

Week ended March 21. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on February 15. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on February 15. Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 5 cases, 5 deaths; smallpox, 19 cases, 13 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 10.

Week ended March 28. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on February 15. To restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on February 15, the following has been added:

Place or port.	Nature of measure.
Singapore	Hongkong declared an infected port.

Quarantinable diseases: Cholera (imported), 6 cases, 4 deaths; plague, 3 cases, 2 deaths; smallpox, 32 cases, 29 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.

Examination of emigrants. ■

Week ended March 7. Number of emigrants for the Philippine Islands examined, 44; rejected, 27.

Week ended March 14. Emigrants examined, 42; rejected, 30. Of these rejections all were for trachōma.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Barranquilla—Puerto Colombia closed against vessels with unclean bills of health arriving from La Guaira.

The following is received from Vice and Deputy Consùl Burnell, through the Department of State, under date of April 23:

The governor of the Department of the Atlantic has declared the port of Puerto Colombia closed against vessels arriving with unclean bills of health from La Guaira, Venezuela

Report from Cartagena—Ports in the Department of Bolivar closed against arrivals from La Guaira—Measures ordered to prevent introduction of plague.

Consul Manning reports, April 22:

An order was issued April 21 by the governor of the Department of Bolivar closing all ports of this Department to vessels which have previously touched, en route, at the port of La Guaira, Venezuela, on account of the reported prevalence of bubonic plague at that port. This order was issued subject to the approval of the general government. Instructions were received from the general government at Bogota, April 21, directing the sanitary inspector of ports to take extraordinary measures to prevent the introduction of plague into Colombia.